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### Editor's notes:

In the **Rockies today**, a supercomputer in Wyoming goes online, a Utah water project is nearing completion, and the aerospace industry in Idaho revs up.

In Wyoming, the National Center for Atmospheric Research-Wyoming Supercomputing Center was officially opened on Monday, and soon the \$30-million supercomputer will tackle such questions as how wind moves across hills and wind-turbine blades and just what happens underground during an earthquake.

In Utah, an aquifer underlying the old Geneva Steel property in Utah County will soon be supplying water to hundreds of thousands of residents as the Central Utah Water Conservancy District puts the finishing touches on the \$450-million, five-year project.

And in Idaho, and across the border in eastern Washington state, the aerospace industry is gearing up, providing thousands of jobs at dozens of companies.

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### Mountain West Voices



"We can honestly say this facility will help all mankind, and that's a wonderful, wonderful thing."

Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead, at Monday's ribbon-cutting ceremony for the  
- Casper Star-Tribune

## Rockies today

### Wyoming supercomputer officially online

On Monday, the National Center for Atmospheric Research-Wyoming Supercomputing Center in Cheyenne officially opened, and there are 11 projects waiting in the wings for the \$70 million supercomputer that is 30 times faster than NCAR's supercomputer in Boulder, Colo.

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